

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1. (Previously presented) A decoy oligonucleotide comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 17 and SEQ ID NO:18, said decoy oligonucleotide having a length up to approximately 30 bases.
2. (Previously presented) The decoy oligonucleotide according to claim 1, wherein said oligonucleotide is formulated as a pharmaceutical agent.
3. (Currently amended) A method for treating ~~atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, cardiac infarction, heart failure, cerebral circulatory disorders, stroke and multi-infarction dementia, peripheral arterial occlusion disease, chronic autoimmune diseases, and rheumatoid arthritis, chronic inflammatory diseases, vasculopathy, or vasculopathy of venous bypasses,~~ comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a decoy oligonucleotide comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 17 and SEQ ID NO:18.

4-10. (Canceled)